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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: Students to hold court at Michigan high court (second article)

"A real-life challenge to a teenager's life without parole sentence for murder will be the focus of a mock Michigan Supreme Court session, enacted by high school students at the Michigan Hall of Justice [this] week. The 22 students will play the roles of Supreme Court justices and attorneys in *People v Carp*, an actual case currently pending before the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

**High school students to hold court at Michigan Supreme Court August 2
Mock hearing to focus on real-life case about juvenile life without parole sentences**

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Fixing 36th District Court (third article)

The editorial states "It should come as no surprise that Kenneth King has been removed as chief judge of Detroit's debt-ridden 36th District Court. King, who will remain on the bench, was in charge of one of the worst managed district courts in the nation. It had a mounting deficit of \$4.5 million and a meager 7-percent collection rate on fines when the Michigan Supreme Court appointed Michigan Appeals Court Judge Michael J. Talbot as a special judicial administrator."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Paul W. Smith show: Court of Appeals Judge Michael Talbot interview (6:48 minute podcast)

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County workers relocated after insecticide spill

"Employees in several offices on the first floor of the Macomb County Circuit Court in Mt. Clemens were relocated today after insecticide for plants spilled on a carpet, creating an odor. No one became ill after the spill, which occurred about 8 a.m. in the area that houses public offices including the elections department, PPO and juvenile file center, said Ben Treppa, county safety specialist."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Court: Authorities can't be held in contempt for suicide

"The Michigan Supreme Court has determined that the Kent County sheriff's department can't be held in contempt for failing to prevent a suicide. Stephen Bradley fatally shot himself in 2004, despite a court order days earlier that directed deputies to pick him up before he harmed himself or others. The sheriff's department didn't follow the order."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Lansing State Journal, the Macomb Daily and the Midland Daily News.

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Supreme Court dismisses wrongful death lawsuit in suicide case

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Supreme Court Dismisses Wrongful Death Lawsuit In Suicide Case

[Full story](#)

The Courier-Leader/Paw Paw: Work to begin in November on new entrance to county courthouse

"The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 9, authorized a Lansing, Michigan-based architectural firm, DLZ, to complete a design for a new single entrance to both the Paw Paw courthouse and its annex building, and to seek bids for the project.... The new structure will connect the buildings on the ground floor and serve as the only public entrance."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Michigan State Bar Foundation Trustees (ninth article)

"The Michigan State Bar Foundation Trustees unanimously selected Chad C. Schmucker for the Foundation's 2013 Access to Justice Award. The award, which will be presented Sept. 18 during the State Bar's annual meeting in Lansing, honors an individual who has significantly advanced access to justice for the poor in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Obama nominates 4 to serve as federal judges

"President Barack Obama has nominated four people to serve as U.S. District Court judges for the Eastern District of Michigan. The nominations were announced Thursday. The four include ... Linda Vivienne Parker, a judge in the Third Circuit Court in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

SBM Blog: The Four Obama Nominees For U.S. District Court, Eastern District

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: First-of-its-kind sentencing hearing held for Flint teen convicted of murder

"A Flint teen convicted of killing a pizza delivery driver struggled academically and socially, according to testimony during a first-of-its-kind hearing held in Michigan following a United States Supreme Court decision banning mandatory life in prison without parole sentences for juveniles. Testimony began Friday, July 26, during a sentencing hearing for Juwan Wickware."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Former meth addict raising money for Van Buren County Drug Court with 'Festivalooza'

"Jewel Dailey doesn't sugarcoat it. The last three years have been difficult. It hasn't been easy confronting and conquering her demons. But Dailey says if she didn't do it, she may be in jail, prison -- or dead. Dailey, of Paw Paw, was addicted to methamphetamine for 16 years before she entered the Van Buren County Drug Treatment Court Program."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Courier-Leader/Paw Paw: Next week's Festivalooza to raise funds for county's Drug Treatment Court

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: High court moves cases as end-of-term looms

"The close of the Michigan Supreme Court's 2012-2013 term is drawing near — July 31 — and the justices still have a big list of cases left to decide — 10 more to go at the close of business on Friday, July 26."

[*Full story*](#)

The Morning Sun: DENNIS LENNOX: Who should be picking our judges?

"Turning over the selection of judges from the people at the ballot box to some sort of commission, comprised of mostly lawyers, is a proposal one hears a lot about these days. Proponents argue having would-be judges take to the rubber chicken dinner circuit and engage in electioneering results in judges compromised by party politics and the much-despised special interests."

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